ORDNANCE WORKS DISPOSAL AREAS ORIGINAL
Morgantown, West Virginia
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The Ordnance Works Disposal Areas are located on the western shore of the Monongahela River, southwest of Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia. Several previous and adjacent property owners operated chemical plants since the 1940s, both for the Government war effort and for commercial use. From that time to the late 1970s, the site included a landfill for industrial waste disposal and an area with above-ground drums containing PCBs. Waste from the site may contaminate the Monongahela River, which supplies drinking water to the area.

The site is now owned by a group unrelated to previous disposal activities. To alleviate the immediate threat at a portion of the site, the present owner removed drums and contaminated soil containing PCBs and disposed of them at an approved disposal site.

Site Status (September, 1985). Superfund money has been authorized for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the site. The draft Work Plan for the study is presently being revised. The RI/FS will be concentrating on the following sources and their migratory pathways:

1. A roughly 5,000 square foot area where drums containing suspected coal tar and oily type wastes were stored prior to being removed from the site.

2. A 10 foot square area where two drums containing concentrated PCB solutions were discovered and where underlying soils were contaminated with PCBs (drums and some soil have been removed).

3. A 5 to 6 acre area consisting of an inactive landfill, a scraped area, and two filled-in lagoons once used for the disposal of metal plating wastes.

The Remedial Investigation is scheduled to begin this Autumn. The expected completion date for the RI/FS is September, 1986.

In addition to EPA's work at the site, the US Army Corps of Engineers has initiated plans to demolish and remove unsafe, unsightly and hazardous buildings and structions on the site under the Environmental Restoration Defense Account (ERDA) Program.